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Incident Report — MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPART — 1999-010378-I

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Occurred From:	Occurred Until:	Incident Location
09/24/1999 12:28	09/24/1999 12:28	1900 OWASIPPE RD

Current Disp	Disposed To	Municipality	District
CLOSED		BLUE LAKE TWP	

Disposition Date	Juveniles Only?	TTY Sent?	Cancelled?	TTY number
/ /	NO	NO		

Photos?	Consent?	Affidavit?	Optional Date/Time
NO	NO	NO	/ / 00:00

Officer Assigned	Investigating Officer
87199 ROBILLARD, ROGER DET	86153 LEONARD, TERRANCE LEE DET

PERSONS

Name/Address/Phone	Description
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. Hair Eyes
SUSPECT 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
CHICAGO AREA BOY SCOUT COUNCIL 1218 W ADAMS CHICAGO IL 60607 (231) 421-8800	Born / / BUSINESS Hgt. 0' 0" UNKNOWN Wgt. 0 Hair Eyes
VICTIM 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. Hair
SUSPECT 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
GRABINSKI, ROBERT BRUCE INVESTIGATOR - MUSKEGON FIRE DEPARTMENT MUSKEGON (231) 728-0406 (231) 724-6792	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. Hair
OTHER 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. Hair Eyes
SUS/CLRD 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. 0 Hair Eyes
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OTHER 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
OWASIPPI SCOUT RESERVATION 9900 N RUSSELL RD TWIN LAKE MI 49457 (231) 894-4061 (231) 894-8710	Born / / BUSINESS Hgt. 0' 0" UNKNOWN Wgt. 0 Hair Eyes
VICTIM 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. 0 Hair Eyes
SUSPECT 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
PRUDEN, ROBERT JAMES [redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. Hair Eyes
COMPLAINT 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	
[redacted]	Born [redacted] Hgt. Wgt. 0 Hair Eyes
WITNESS 09/24/1999 — 20000 ARSON	

PROPERTY

Description/Name/Comments	Make/Model/Stat	Serial No./Qty/Value
PAD LOCK	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FROM DINING HALL FOR PRINTS TAIL LAMP	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FROM COUNTER TOP OF TRADING FIRE SAMPLE	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FROM COUNTER TOP OF OFFICE FIRE SAMPLE	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FROM TABLE TOP IN DINING ROO FIRE SAMPLE	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FROM FLOOR IN FRONT OF S DIN FIRE SAMPLE	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00

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Description/Name/Comments	Make/Model/Stat	Serial No./Qty/Value
WEST DINING ROOM WALL N OF N FIRE SAMPLE	DISPOSED	Qty = 1.00 $0.00
FOOTWEAR CASTINGS (2) CASTINGS	DISPOSED	Qty = 2.00 $0.00

Status/Plate Type/VIN	Reg/Evid/Value	Description
NO VEHICLES		

Category	Description
NO M.O. INFORMATION	

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NARRATIVE

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.001

R/O was called to the scene of a fire at Owassippi Scout Camp. The fire occurred at Camp Black Hawk, which is located off Owassippi Road northeast of Russell Road.

BUILDING:

Tongue and groove structure with an asphalt roof. The structure sits on a cement slab on the west portion and has a basement of cinder block under the dining area of the east end. There are several camp vehicles and all the recreational equipment is in this area. The upstairs dining area has several large windows and four double entrance/exit doors which have crash bars attached and a dead bolt lock.

The building is divided into three portions on the upper floor. The east side has a full length deck with steps at both ends. There are two double doors off the deck which lead into the dining area. There are also large windows that overlook the lake. Once in the open dining hall, there are two entrance/exit doors on the west side of the dining hall. Also located on the west side of the dining hall are three serving windows and an in door and out door to the kitchen area. The kitchen area is a large open room with sinks on one end, and stove and freezer/refrigerator units. The doors on the north side lead outside. A hallway leads back on the south side, going west. Off this hallway are two bathrooms. The hallway leads into an office area with an outside entrance. The office area also has an inner door leading into the trading post area, which also has an outside entrance.

FIRE LOCATIONS:

Dining Room, office, and trading post.

DINING ROOM:

R/O observed charring on the north end wall by the window. There are portable dining tables folded standing at this end of the room. R/O observed pour pattern on the north wall, continuing over the tables and around to the west wall. The pour was on the floor and lower portion of the wall. The pour continued past the entrance/exit door over the top of a non-folding table to the area of the serving windows where the pour stopped.

A second pour started within a few feet. This one went along the floor in front of the west wall to the entrance/exit doors of the kitchen and continued along the floor and wall until reaching the south wall. The pour continued on the floor and south wall and then over another set of folded tables that were against the south wall at the east end. Burn patterns were seen and photographed along this wall. Samples taken from this area are:

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#1 - Wall trim board from north of the northwest entrance/exit doors of the dining room.

#2 - Piece of wood off floor in front of south wall of dining room.

#3 - Table from dining room west wall north of serving windows. A sterile gauze was used to take samples from table top.

#6 - A truck tail lamp from the floor in front of south wall.

All the samples came from an area that the fire dog Grizzly made a hit on.

Nothing appeared to be disturbed in the kitchen and bathroom areas.

OFFICE AND TRADING POST:

The pour started at the entrance/exit door and went along the west wall and directly onto a poster hanging on the wall and over the counter top and along the west wall by the desk. The pour then continued into the trading post area over the counter to along the floor behind it and on the west wall and west wall cabinet to the entrance/exit door. All pours of flammable liquid were ignited, but burned themselves out. Sample #4, taken in the office area, was taken from the counter top with a sterile gauze. Sample #5, taken in the trading post, was taken from the counter top with a sterile gauze.

POWER:

R/O learned that all power to this building had been turned off prior to the fire when the building had been winterized at least one week earlier. All water to the building had also been turned off. Photographs of the power circuit breaker box were taken. Electrical was eliminated as being the cause of the fire.

R/O checked the building for entry points and found no forced entry, indicating that a door may have been left unlocked or a key was used for entry. R/O was told by camp staff that there is a poor accounting for keys to the property.

BUILDING SETTING:

The building is set on a lake north of Owassippi Road. There is a locked gated entrance point at Owassippi Road. The padlock had to be cut by Owassippi staff, because someone poured a substance appearing to be super glue in the lock. The lock is evidence sample #7. The building is not visible from the roadway and anyone in this area of the building would have enough time without being detected. Owassippi staff stated that at the close of camp and shut down, the building would be checked approximately once a week.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted] stated that this is the first year he has worked year round in the seven years he has worked at Owassippi. He stated that they had worked on the dump truck and he had taken a load of metal to the recycle yard. Upon returning, they decided to haul a couple of loads of sand to the beach area in front of Black Hawk. When they arrived at the gate, they noticed that something had been put in the lock and he could not get his key in to open it. He called maintenance and [redacted] came out with bolt cutters and cut the lock.

After dumping his load of sand and pulling out from the beach along the north side of the building, he stated that he smelled smoke and stopped the truck to investigate. Tim looked up on the north side of the building and saw a small amount of smoke coming from around the window. Upon further investigation, he found the fire damage on the inside and called [redacted] again. [redacted] then called the fire department and Dalton Fire responded.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had called and stated that he was unable to put his key into the lock on the gate at Black Hawk. [redacted] stated that this was a common occurrence and he took the bolt cutters with him and cut the lock. [redacted] went in with the sand and [redacted] went back to the shop. [redacted] stated that the next call came in and it was [redacted] telling him to call the police and fire department because the building was on fire. [redacted] stated that [redacted] said it looked like arson.

INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT PRUDEN (Camp Director)

Rob stated that there are currently two full time and two part time employees. Two employees are finished at the end of September.

Rob stated that the building has been closed and the water and power shut off. The building is used in the winter to store the camp equipment and vehicles in the basement area. He estimates that one million dollars of equipment is stored in the basement. Rob stated that the building is checked no more than once a week; he could not give the last time the building was checked. He stated that it is not a very secure building in the upper half because of all the doors and windows. Some of the doors are in poor condition and he felt that they possibly could be opened by pulling on them. However, he did say that at the end of the year the camp carpenter did work on the doors so that they would secure properly.

Rob stated that there has been a larger than average turn over of personnel all the way to the top of the organization. He stated that several bills for the camp are over due. He has received

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overdue notices on a regular basis since being there.

Rob stated that in the past there has been a problem with the Blue Lake community. The community does not like the signs stating "Chicago Area Council". Years ago the signs were changed because of the community protest. The signs have recently been changed back to "Chicago Area Boy Scout Council".

Rob stated that there are several keys out. The keys to the gate had been changed last year so keys to the gate prior to this time will not work.

Rob was asked if he suspected any staff or past staff and he stated he did not. He stated that he has no idea who could have done this.

R/O took photographs going clockwise of the building exterior. R/O observed the most extensive damage on the north wall of the dining room near the window. R/O photographed the interior of the building starting with the dining room, working toward the rear. Fire Marshall Grabinski was called to the scene and had his fire dog go through. The dog hit on several areas. Dep. Robillard did castings of unidentified foot impressions found at the scene.

10/5/99

RE-INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] (AT MCSD)

[redacted] stated that he was living at the camp in staff housing. On 9/23/99 there was a power outage around 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. [redacted] stated that there were no renters at the camp at the time. He felt that the only possible problem was making sure the generators kicked in for the water pumps. [redacted] stated that when the power did not come on he went to the maintenance building. He got into a camp truck and drove out and checked the generators; they were all fine. [redacted] stated that he drove to White Lake and Russell Roads and found the power was out all the way there. He stated that he turned around and drove north on Russell to Fruitvale then east on Fruitvale to Nichols. He went south on Nichols to Owassippi and west on Owassippi to Russell and back to the maintenance building where he made contact with [redacted] R/O asked [redacted] if he noticed any vehicles along the way and he stated he believes he saw only one, on Fruitvale Road. He was sure about no one being on Owassippi.

R/O asked [redacted] if the gate to Black Hawk was open and he stated that he did not notice it. He stated that if it was, he would have noticed it. He stated that he did not drive back to Black Hawk.

R/O asked [redacted] how long he has worked for the camp and he said since the summer of 1995. From November of 1996 to May of 1997, he volunteered weekends. In September of 1997 he became seasonal staff full time, finishing in August of 1998. He was seasonal

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staff from February of 1999 through October of 1999. From February of 1999 to May of 1999 he was part time, working 20 hours. He went on full time in May through September 1, 1999, when he went back to part time. He was done on October 1, 1999. [redacted] stated that he had planned to work part time this fall and go to college. The cut in the budget put him out of a job and it was hard for him to have to go.

[redacted] stated that the camp has financial problems and many people have not been paid. He further stated that the food service is contracted to Glynn Ellen, Illinois, to Quest Management. When they left, some of the employees did not receive their last pay checks. The company hired several locals, many from the Progress Drive area.

[redacted] further stated that people doing business regularly with the camp were not paid. Among them, Brennen Oil, Gordon Foods, Pepsi, Standard Lumber, Tri-County Feed, and Howard Platt lock smith. [redacted] stated that he saw a bill for Pepsi for $12,000.

R/O asked [redacted] about fuel storage at the camp and he stated that all the cans are supposed to be kept in a storage shed behind the maintenance building, but they are not. Many times they are in the maintenance building. The fenced in area where the fuel tanks are have gates on both ends, which are never locked.

R/O asked [redacted] if he started the fire. He said no, that he would never do anything to hurt the camp, that he loved the camp.

R/O advised [redacted] that, according to evidence, it appeared that the fire had been started the night prior to discovery and that it is interesting that he was in the area of the fuel storage, and he is being laid off and does not feel he should be. He was also in the area of Camp Black Hawk when the fire was started and had no reason to be there.

R/O asked [redacted] if he would take a polygraph examination and he said that he did not know if he would, that he would have to think about it and call R/O.

[redacted] called R/O at 2:50 on this same date. He stated that he had heated words with Rob about his being let go prior to his interview at MCSD. He said that he said things that he should not have said.

The Muskegon Chronicle and the White Lake Beacon have been requested to post a notice of reward of $5000.00 for information on the fire.

This investigation continues.

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SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 99010378.1

On 9-24-99 I responded with Dep. Kozal to Camp Blackhawk on a possible arson complaint. We arrived and searched the area after inspecting the cafeteria. A request was made for a detective and Det. Leonard started heading to the scene. Prior to his arrival the entire area surrounding the burned cafeteria was searched for footwear impression leading to or from the building and for a container that might have been used to carry the fire inducing chemical. Two footwear impression of unknown origin were found in the sand approximately 30 to the south of the S/W corner of the building. The tread design of every fire personnel at the scene and of the complainant, [redacted] were inspected. None matched. Castings were made of the impressions and picked up after they dried.

TOT Evidence

87199 Robillard
Reviewer 84140

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TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.002

Per MSP Crime Lab results: "...Gas Chromatographic - Mass Spectrometric (GC-MS) analyses showed the presence of gasoline in items #1 and 2, and did not show the presence of any identifiable ignitable liquid petroleum products in items #3 - 5."

A copy of this report given to Investigating Officer.

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SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 99010378.002
11-19-1999 10:42am

Officer had not heard back from [redacted] who had been requested to take a polygraph. Officer contacted [redacted] by TX. [redacted] stated that he was not going to take a polygraph test. [redacted] is my only suspect at this time. Officer will close the complainant at this time pending further information.

Closed

Terrance L. Leonard 6153
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TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.003

3/6/00

R/O received a call from [redacted] who requested I schedule a polygraph for him on this complaint. A polygraph was scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. [redacted] was advised to be at this office at noon for transportation to the polygraph site.

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TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.004

[redacted] is the main suspect in this complaint. [redacted] is refusing a polygraph and has an attorney.

This complaint is inactive pending further information.

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TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.005

10/11/00

INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT PRUDEN

R/O went to the Boy Scout camp and spoke with Robert. He was told that [redacted] name was given on the MSP hot line as bragging about starting the fires. Robert stated that during fire #1, [redacted] was home the night prior to the fire and at school when the fire was discovered. During fire #2 [redacted] was in Cincinnati with the family; they had left on Friday night. During fire #3 [redacted] was home with his mother [redacted] when Robert left for Chicago at 3:30 a.m. [redacted] took [redacted] to school.

R/O advised Robert that it was agreed to by the counsel and the police that all three employees be given a polygraph reference the fires. Robert agreed and stated that [redacted] would be in Chicago November 12 - 25.

R/O asked Robert about information that had been received about a fire in Cincinnati. Robert stated that a dining hall burned and two years later he left the camp. Two boys were found to be the perpetrators.

Robert stated [redacted] Robert [redacted] stated that [redacted] has a fear that the fire will be repeated at the new residence.

Arrangements were made for R/O to speak with [redacted] on 10/16/00 at 3:00 p.m. at Owassippi.

10/12/00

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted] was advised that a tip had been called in listing him as a suspect. [redacted] laughed and said that he had nothing to hide and asked what R/O wanted to know.

R/O asked [redacted] for his thoughts on the fire. He said that he felt [redacted] could have been involved because [redacted] was told a week prior that he did not have a job; this fire was one that would cause repair work; [redacted] said things that made [redacted] suspicious but did not give specific examples; [redacted] had brought in his school papers to show [redacted] Camping Director, showing he had taken classes based on being a Ranger (he broke down after not getting hired); the Black Hawk fire was totally different from the others.

[redacted] does not feel that [redacted] was involved in the other fires.

[redacted] was watching Robert's house while Robert was out of town.

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Robert's dogs were at [redacted] house and [redacted] had been at the house one and a half to two hours prior to the fire to check the mail and feed the fish. [redacted] believes the fires could have been started by the same person or persons. He said these fires were done to destroy the structures. [redacted] feels it is someone that knows the camp and has possibly worked at the camp because no one was at the camp when the fires broke out.

R/O asked [redacted] where he was during the house fire. He stated he had friends from Chicago that weekend and was working. The friends were doing a conservation study in the woods. [redacted]

During the Renker fire, [redacted] had an Eagle Scout gathering at his house. He said he was up until 3:00 a.m. waiting for everyone to arrive. They went to breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and went to work at 8:00 a.m. At approximately 8:45 a.m. [redacted] was going to open Renker and discovered the fire. Present at the time were [redacted] and [redacted] said that on the way to the camp [redacted] saw a blue streak in the sky in the area of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp at approximately 11:00 p.m.

[redacted] stated that he does not feel that [redacted] are involved in the fires. However, it has crossed his mind that Rob could have started the Renker fire. Rob left for Chicago and the building burns and [redacted] wondered if Rob could have set it before he left.

[redacted] said that Rob was called to Chicago and was asked by [redacted] to make observations on how things were run during the summer. [redacted] and [redacted] had input and the finished draft was completed and sent to [redacted]. The report got into the hands of others and the people went overboard in their reactions. [redacted] said a lot of people took it the wrong way and this was the reason Rob was called to Chicago the day of the Renker fire.

R/O called polygraph and an appointment was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2000.

CONTACT WITH [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] called his residence and he does not want her calling again. She wants him to meet with a psychic at her home and has expressed her unhappiness with the investigation. [redacted] stated he will not meet with her and that his part of the investigation is complete. R/O called the camp and left a message for [redacted] to stop making the phone calls.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

[redacted] brought [redacted] who stated she was a clairvoyant/psychic, to the camp. [redacted] said that she has gotten very strong feelings since coming to the camp. She gave a description of the person as a white male, 5'7", possibly shorter, piercing blue eyes that stand out, stocky, bald and thirty to forty years old. The person looks younger than he is, his age is hard to tell, but he is definitely not young. [redacted] stated that she is speaking about the fires at the home and Renker.

During the home fire, there was one other person with the subject, also a male. She said the subject is an employee who will tell me he quit but was actually pushed out. This person will act like a wonderful person in front of people but will have a flip personality. This person will take his anger out on objects. He loved to be in the maintenance building and had a desk by the back door where [redacted] sits now. He was the head of the camp, not only maintenance. The second person in the house fire smokes a lot and leans against objects.

At the Renker fire, there were three people. The third man knows the camp well and lost his mother in the past year. He is very masculine and was also employed here, but [redacted] is not sure how long or in what capacity. [redacted] feels it has been five to six years since his employment at the camp.

[redacted] stated the vehicle involved is a small box-shaped vehicle with a dent or damage to the right rear quarter panel. The damage was caused by hitting a tree at the camp. The vehicle is a four door, blue-silver color.

[redacted] said that she feels that something else is going to happen soon. She is unsure what but stated she gets strong feelings when she is around the area of the food preparation building. She stated that she got strong vibrations when she saw a van behind the food preparation area. When she went to it the van contained a diesel generator. [redacted] feels it was diesel fuel that was used to start these fires.

[redacted] stated that not everything has happened when it was intended to. She again stated the person doing this knows the camp. This person has lived in the house that was burned and also in Ranger #1 or #2 by the medical station. [redacted] stated she feels the person has been at the camp recently and knows she is at the camp now. [redacted] feels that the person responsible for the fire at Blackhawk is a very immature person, possibly [redacted]

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TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted]

[redacted] called and stated he would not take a polygraph examination.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

R/O asked [redacted] where he was during the house fire and he said he was with his parents in Cincinnati. He said they had left Thursday prior to the fire.

R/O asked [redacted] where he was during the Blackhawk fire. He said he was at school when the fire was discovered. His mother picked him up from school and [redacted] and his mother left for Indianapolis for his Uncle's wedding. [redacted] stated that the night prior he was at home with his parents.

R/O asked [redacted] where he was during the fire at Renker. He said that Labor Day was a long weekend and he was at home and when he woke the fire trucks were being dispatched. He could hear it over the camp's base radio, which is located in his house. R/O asked [redacted] if he had anything to do with the fires or if he had conspired with anyone to set the fires and he said no.

[redacted] stated he and [redacted] are good friends. They do not talk about the fires or about [redacted] ex-husband. R/O asked [redacted] who he thought started the fires he said [redacted] When asked why he thought this, he stated it was just a feeling he has; he feels it is a pay back to the camp.

INTERVIEW WITH ROB PRUDEN

R/O asked Rob about the male that comes to [redacted] was very busy during the summer. At one point they had put a sign in his front yard stating [redacted] Motel'. Rob said he knows a lot of the people by sight but does not know them by name. Rob knows very little about these people.

Rob said [redacted] went to [redacted] house and she is sure [redacted] is involved in the fires.

Rob said [redacted] and [redacted] drink together at Corsies Bar in Whitehall or at Pin Heads in Whitehall when [redacted] comes to town. He said they were seen together Labor Day weekend.

Rob stated that the cabin that had the most damage Labor Day weekend, number 11, held [redacted] personal items. [redacted] was one of the males having a relationship with [redacted] prior to the break up of [redacted]

R/O has been unable to make contact with Mike MARQUAT, ATF.

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R/O called the Chicago Area Boy Scout Counsel and left a message for [redacted] to call for an update.

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11/29/00

R/O received Silent Observer tip #297, which stated that investigators should check into a gay rights movement called "Grass Fires". The caller stated they are suspected in other scout camp fires.

R/O had MCSD computer specialist Jeff Lenartowicz run an Internet search on Grass Fires, but nothing was found.

12/6/00

CONTACT WITH [redacted]

R/O left a voice mail message with [redacted] informing him that Rob did not show for his polygraph. R/O also gave him the information received about Grass Fires. R/O asked him to call if he knew anything about them.

R/O also had received information on 11/20/00 that [redacted] owns property at [redacted] is suspected in problems occurring to the neighbor's property in the area. The informant believes [redacted] should be looked at in these fires.

12/7/00

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted]

R/O asked [redacted] if he had any dealings with or conversations about an organization called Grass Fires. He stated that he would send out a nation wide request for information on the Boy Scout network.

R/O and [redacted] spoke about Rob's failure to show or call for his polygraph. It was determined that R/O would reschedule the polygraph and send Rob a letter.

R/O asked [redacted] about [redacted] He stated that he is not familiar with [redacted] and does not believe the Boy Scouts have had any problems with him.

[redacted] suggested that R/O speak to [redacted] a friend of the Boy Scouts. He thought that [redacted] could possibly give R/O some incite on this matter. R/O attempted contact with [redacted] and left a message for him to call.

Det. T. Leonard, #6153

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Incident No	Date & Time Rept	Offense: 20000
1999-010378-I	09/24/1999 12:28	ARSON

SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.008

3/15/01

[redacted] was administered a polygraph examination by Spl/Sgt Colleen Lane of MSP Polygraph Subunit. According to Lane, [redacted] passed his examination, indicating that he was being truthful when he denied involvement in the fires or knowledge of who did.

6/13-01

Incident No	Date & Time Rept	Offense: 20000
1999-010378-I	09/24/1999 12:28	ARSON

SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.009

6/6/01

R/O received a telephone message from [redacted] who stated that he has information about the Owassippe fires.

6/14/01

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has worked for the Boy Scouts for two summers and is not going back. [redacted] stated that he believes, for several reasons, that Rob Pruden set the fires. He stated that Pruden was hired by [redacted] and his boss, who are all now gone. [redacted] and his boss embezzled $50,000.00 from the Boy Scouts.

[redacted] helped Rob Pruden move into his house. The house was junk and should have been condemned. This is the house that burned. Pruden was extremely upset that he was getting such a piece of junk to live in. He wanted another house to live in.

Pruden works for Chicago and the fires started when Pruden came in.

Reneker had defective windows and roof and there was no money to repair it. In the winter it was vandalized and the insurance replaced the windows. Black Hawk has no food preparation area. They wanted to put in a kitchen and it had no room right after it burned.

The Boy Scouts have been in financial trouble for the last few years. [redacted] stated that his working partner at the camp is a retired police officer from Chicago who knows more about the problems in the Boy Scouts than he does. This person is [redacted] (e-mail address: [redacted] is going to contact [redacted] and have him contact R/O.

6/14/01

R/O left a message for Mike at ATF to inform him of the status of this investigation.

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6183-01

Incident No	Date & Time Rept	Offense: 20000
1999-010378-I	09/24/1999 12:28	ARSON

SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.010

[redacted] advised R/O that George Lange had information which could assist in this investigation.

6/18/01

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has volunteered at the scout camp for the past two years and his son has been going there for eight years. He stated that he does not plan to go back this year.

[redacted] stated that he does not know who would be doing something like this. He stated that he has no suspects and has no idea who would be doing this. He did stated that he would contact R/O if he received any information.

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Incident No	Date & Time Rept	Offense: 20000
1999-010378-I	09/24/1999 12:28	ARSON

SUPPLEMENT

TAKEN FROM WORDPERFECT DOCUMENT 1999010378.011

6/22/01

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH WILLIAM BLYNN, FBI

Agent Blynn stated that he had received a notification from the Chicago FBI office concerning the Owasippi fires. He stated that the information originated with [redacted] Assistant Scout Executive. [redacted] stated in his information that this is a racially motivated hate crime. The fires area against the scouts because they are primarily black and Latino. R/O has requested a copy of this information be faxed to this office.

R/O advised Agent Blynn of the lab results thus far, while going over each of the five fires individually. Agent Blynn stated he will assist in any way possible. He was also advised that Agent Marquardt of the ATF is involved in the investigation with R/O, Glotzbach and Grabinski. Agent Blynn will be in contact with Agent Marquardt.

Det. T. Leonard, #6153

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ORIGINAL INCIDENT REPORT

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WORK UNIT	COUNTY
MSP GRAND HAVEN	Muskegon

COMPLAINANT	TELEPHONE NO.
[redacted]	[redacted]

ADDRESS: STREET AND NO.	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
9900 RUSSELL ROAD	TWIN LAKE	MI	49457-

INCIDENT STATUS: Open

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

INFORMATION:
Trooper was dispatched to assist Blue Lake and Dalton Fire on a suspicious fire/possible arson at the below venue. Trooper did an initial investigation. A second fire with obvious signs of arson occurred at the same residence in the early morning hours of 3/27/00 totally destroying the already damaged home. The fire is being investigated for cause and origin by a unified Muskegon County Fire investigation team including Detective Terry Leonard (MCSD) who was called for the second fire on 3/27/00. Trooper will work with this team towards a possible suspect and prosecution.

VENUE:
MUSKEGON COUNTY , BLUE LAKE TWP
9900 RUSSELL RD
AT OR NEAR: OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMP

DATE & TIME:
SAT, MAR 25, 2000 AT 1735

COMPLAINANT:
NAM: [redacted]

NBR: 9900 DIR:
STR: RUSSELL
SFX: ROAD
CTY: TWIN LAKE ST: MI
TXH: [redacted] ZIP: 49457
TXW:

RAC: [redacted] ETH:
SEX: OPS:
DOB: SSN:
HGT: SID:
WGT: FBI:
HAI: MNU:
EYE: PRN:

INTERVIEW COMPLAINANT:
[redacted] stated he was at his home on the Owasippe grounds with a portable radio. [redacted] stated he heard an unknown person calling for help. [redacted] got on the radio and spoke to a very excited male stating that there was a fire at a cabin by the lake. The man explained that he was using a radio in the pickup truck parked in the driveway of the cabin. [redacted] called 911 and sent [redacted] to confirm the location on the four wheeler. [redacted] stated he waited for the first fire unit to arrive and guided them the approximate ¼ mile from Russell Rd to the cabin. [redacted] said the gate to the cabin was open and was on most days so the cabin owner and properties manager Rob Pruden could drive back and forth to his residence [redacted] stated he was watching the cabin for the Prudens while they were out of state. [redacted] stated a service truck that is driven by Rob was parked in the driveway of the home. [redacted] said he came in about 8:00am on Sat 3/25/00 with a key and fed the

fish. [redacted] stated he returned about 3:00pm dropping off the mail. [redacted] said he didn't see anything unusual on these visits.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Blue Lake Fire Department assisted by Dalton Fire Department
Fire Investigator Steven Lague (N. Muskegon Fire) Responded to the scene to start a cause/origin investigation.

ATTEMPT TO CONTACT FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION:
Trooper had Sgt. Mills page the fire marshal division. No answer to the page was received.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:
The weather at the time of the fire was clear skies with a light wind.

FIRE DISCOVERED/REPORTED BY:
The fire was discovered by a hiker [redacted] who called Owasippe Employee [redacted]

OWNER(S):
Owasippe Scout Reservation (Boy Scouts of America)

OCCUPANTS:
Rob Pruden, his wife and [redacted] year old son. Pruden is the properties manager for the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

CONSENT TO SEARCH:
Consent for a 7 day Fire investigation was signed by Owasippe employee [redacted] The area was sealed off with yellow crime scene tape by fire units when they cleared the scene.

ACCELERANT CANINE:
K-9 Dog Grizzly was called to the scene on 3/26/00 but didn't hit on any area of the structure.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
The residential cabin sits on Owasippe property to the east of Russell Rd north of the administration buildings. A single lane gravel drive services the cabin and is the second drive north of the administration buildings. The drive has a gate that can be secured to prevent vehicular travel but was open on 3-25-00. The cabin is approximately ¼ mile off Russell Rd and is not visible from the main road. The cabin sits at the top of a small hill on the east side of the gravel road. The cabin is a two story residential structure with a detached garage. The roof is pitched with asphalt shingles.

The residence has four entry/exit points. A screened in porch with door leads to a entry door that goes into an home office. The door to the screened in porch faces south with the entry door inside facing west. The main entrance to the home faces south. A driveway leads to the detached garage (with its door facing west). A stairway on the east side of the home leads to a second floor entry to a bedroom area. This area was

completely collapsed into the ground floor with a staircase and deck remaining. A fourth ground floor door faces east with entry into a utility / Laundry room.

The ground floor consists of the following living areas: home office, living room (great room)with spiral staircase to second floor, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining area, utility room and bathroom. The second floor contained 1 or 2 bedrooms.

CONTENTS:
The home contained full furnishings and items from the family who had recently moved from Minnesota.

UTILITIES:
The home was served by electrical power which was shut off by Consumers Energy.

SECURITY OF BUILDING(S):
No signs of forced entry was found to the home. The occupants were out of state (Ohio) at the time of the fire and had been gone since Thursday 3/23/00. [redacted] was watching the families two dogs and delivering mail to the home along with feeding the fish. Based on items in the home office it doesn't appear any type of B&E occurred in the home.

INSURANCE:
Contents owned by the Pruden Family insured by State Farm Insurance (Whitehall Office).

WITNESSES:
NAM[redacted]

NBR[redacted]
STR[redacted]
SFX[redacted]
CTY[redacted] ST[redacted]
TXH[redacted] ZIP[redacted]

RAC[redacted] ETH:
SEX[redacted] OPS:
DOB[redacted] SSN:
HGT: SID:
WGT: FBI:
HAI: MNU:

INTERVIEW [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted by telephone about 10:00pm by Trooper on 3/25/00. [redacted] had left the scene with his family before Troopers arrival. [redacted] stated he parked his white pickup truck with camper top out on Russell Road. He further stated that his wife and child were with him and they were hiking down by the lake and dam. [redacted] stated he noticed dark black smoke coming from over the hill to the south. He thought it looked like someone might be burning tires or something. [redacted] went up the steep hill and approached from the north. [redacted] saw the smoke was coming from the cabin and ran around to the front door side (south). [redacted] said the area around the front door was heavily charred and flames were coming out of the roof above the front door. [redacted] stated the flames were orange and yellow. [redacted] noticed the truck parked in the drive and thought someone might be inside. [redacted] went to the truck and started beeping the horn. [redacted] saw the keys were in the truck and it had a radio. [redacted] then started the truck and started using the radio until someone answered. [redacted] stated the first person to come was a man on a quad runner. He stated he was doing volunteer work and had been by the cabin only 10-15 minutes prior. The man on the quad runner then went down to the Russell road gate to lead in fire fighters.

WITNESS:

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INTERVIEW [redacted]:

[redacted] stated he has been coming to the camp for a long time and is a former employee. [redacted] stated he was up doing volunteer work for the weekend staying with [redacted] said he was in the Camp Carlen area off Owasippe Rd about 3:00pm on a four wheeler. [redacted] said he was working on a project mapping things with a GPS. [redacted] stated he came across a blue Chevy Corsica or Cavalier (1992 –95). The car had three youths about 20 years of age in it. When confronted about being on private property they stated they thought the property was a campground. [redacted] said the driver was about 20 with bleach blonde hair. [redacted] stated he had a stocky build. [redacted] stated he asked the boys to leave and they did so in a hurry towards Owasippe Rd. [redacted] said he couldn't keep up with them as he followed them out and didn't see which way they turned on Owasippe. [redacted] stated he radioed back the plate number of the car to [redacted]at the shop. [redacted] stated the plate was a solid blue Michigan Plate with three letters and three numbers. [redacted] thought the plate was SKA 830. [redacted] stated the youths were polite but left in a big hurry. [redacted] stated he passed the cabin about three times with the last time being about 3:30pm.

PLATE NUMBER SKA 830:

Trooper ran the plate given by [redacted]

[redacted]

Trooper called and spoke with [redacted] who stated his plate was on his vehicle in Ferndale.

EXTERIOR EXAM:

The most concentrated charred area is visible around the front door (facing south). The timbers around the doorway were heavily charred compared to siding at other points of the residence. The second story including the roof was collapsed into the lower level of the house. A gas can (7/8) full was pulled out of a storage shed attached to the east side of the residence by firefighters. Also pulled were garden items (lawn mower, weed eater, etc.

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY:

Evidence collected by fire investigator Lague was turned over to Terry Leonard on 3/27/00. The evidence was taken to the crime lab. Lague found a flaky substance around the area of the front door. Lague thought the substance might be gun powder. The material was collected by lab analysis.

LABORATORY/ANALYSIS:

Evidence from the first fire on 3/25/00 as well as evidence collected after the second fire on 3/27/00 was transported to the crime lab on 3/27/00 by Detective Terry Leonard (MCSD).

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PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO:
Trooper took one roll of 24 exp 400asa film on 3/26/00 during daylight hours. The film was processed locally to aid in the investigation of the 1st and 2nd fire.

SKETCH/MEASUREMENTS:
A sketch of the interior of the home was completed by [redacted] and turned over to fire investigator Steven Lague.

ORIGIN:
Unknown at time of report.

CAUSE:
Unknown at time of report.

PRIOR FIRE AT OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMP:
A prior arson fire was investigated at the Black Hawk section of the scout camp in September of 1999. The complaint was investigated by Detective Leonard who interviewed [redacted] about the arson. [redacted] was an employee at the time and was unhappy about being terminated about the time of the fire. Trooper was advised of the prior fire and suspect on this date. A copy of the report for the first fire is attached in the external documents section.

SUSPECT IN 1st FIRE:
NAM[redacted]

NBR[redacted]
STR
SFX
CTY
TXH
TXW:

RAC:[redacted] ETH:
SEX: OPS:
DOB: SSN:
HGT: SID:
WGT: FBI:
HAI: MNU:
EYE: PRN:

INTERVIEW SUSPECT:
Trooper went to the home of [redacted] on 3/25/00 at approximately 2250. [redacted] and his parents were contacted. [redacted] was told about the fire and stated he was not a suspect at this time but all leads from the first fire were being investigated. [redacted] stated he had been home all afternoon and was working on his truck (Dodge Ram/ Blue) in the yard at 1730. The time was brought up by Trooper when asked about a specific time. [redacted] stated he sold a trailer to a man from Fremont about 1700 and that [redacted] was outside working on the truck. [redacted] stated he could produce a name and phone number for the man who bought the trailer if needed. [redacted] stated he was a suspect in the first fire and had decided not to take a polygraph. [redacted] stated he was told to stay off the property by Rob Pruden. [redacted] stated he called the director in Chicago to talk to him about the matter since he was the one who asked Rob to ban him from the property. [redacted] stated he loved the camp and would never to anything to harm it. [redacted] stated he was no where near 9900 Russell road on this date (3/25/00).

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CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS:
Pruden was given his crime victims rights by Trooper on 3/26/00.

EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS:
7 Page Report (MCSD) on the 9/99 Arson at Owasippe.

VICTIM:
NAM: ROB PRUDEN

NBR: 9900 DIR:
STR: RUSSELL
SFX: ROAD
CTY: TWIN LAKE ST:
TXH: [redacted] ZIP: [redacted]
TXW:
MB [redacted]

RAC: [redacted] ETH:
SEX: OPS:
DOB: SSN:
HGT: SID:
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INTERVIEW VICTIM:
Pruden was contacted by employees of the camp in Ohio. Trooper called Pruden in Ohio at [redacted] on 3/25/00 at 11:00pm. Pruden was advised of the damage and stated he would leave first thing in the morning and return with his family.

Pruden was contacted on 3/26/00 at 1700 at 9900 Russell Road. Trooper came to photograph the damage and found the family at the house. The family was given permission to remove some frozen food from a freezer in the utility room.

Mr. Pruden was asked if he had gun powder at the home and stated he did in the garage. The garage was locked and entry was made with a key. Pruden showed Trooper two metal ammunition boxes containing gun powder in a cupboard above a work bench. Pruden stated nothing in the cupboard had been disturbed. Boxes of ammunition were stacked in front of gunpowder boxes. Pruden stated he left about 1:30pm on Thursday and hadn't left any lights on timers because of [redacted] watching the house and dogs.

Besides [redacted] the suspect in the first fire Pruden couldn't think of any other suspects. Pruden stated he told [redacted] he wasn't welcome on the property near March 1st. Pruden stated he and [redacted] had an argument when [redacted] was fired but he took the news about being banished from the property pretty well. Pruden did stated that [redacted] had called the director in Chicago to speak to him about being banished from the property.

STATUS:
Open

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INCIDENT STATUS
Open

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

JOURNAL:

3-28-00	Parks	IR, Good Report, Pends Further Invest.
3-29-00	Cuperus	Reviewed, Nice Work – Keep on This
3-29-00	Bush	Reviewed.
5-10-00	Buth	Rev. Has a cause been determined by the MC Invest Team? Poly for Suspect? NTO MA.

FIRE ORIGIN:
The second fire that totally destroyed the home was ruled as a confirmed arson. The first fire is still awaiting lab information and investigation reports from Steve Lague (North Muskegon Fire). Txed Lague 10/4/01 RDV. DO NOT CALL THIS AGAIN

CONTACT WITH ROB PRUDEN:
Trooper was contacted by Rob Pruden the victim of the fire. Pruden stated although he knew it sounded bad he had a friend in Wisconsin who was a physic that he trusted. Pruden stated he called and his friend produced the following information. Pruden stated based on this information the description fits the former Properties Manager [redacted]

PHYSIC INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECT:
- 5'7"-5'9" Balding on Top (helpless looking appearance)
- Gray or White Suspect vehicle that is not the one he normally drives.
- Possible disguise, sneaky (thinks he's never wrong)

Similarities to Possible Suspect:
- Fits Physical description and profile.
- [redacted] went through divorce and was the old Properties Manager.
- Quit in unfavorable light.
- Now works for [redacted]
- Camp recently hired [redacted] ex-wife to summer staff.
- [redacted] was in area 2 Weeks prior to Fires
- Was upset due to changes made at the camp.
- The garage that was not touched in either fire was built by [redacted] and he wanted to open a part time garage in it.
- The camp would not let him open any kind of business which upset him.
- The garage was [redacted] "Sacred" place that he used to spend a great deal of time in.

SUSPECT:

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NAM [redacted]

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TXH
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RAC [redacted]
SEX
DOB
HGT
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HAI
EYE

ETH
OPS [redacted]
SSN
SID
FBI
MNU
PRN

INTERVIEW SUSPECT:

Trooper and Detective Leonard (MCSD) tried to schedule a time to go together to Kalamazoo and interview [redacted] After having difficulty finding a time that worked for both officers Leonard went and conducted the interview. Leonard stated [redacted] might have an alibi for the weekend and was contacting the possible witness. Based on the interview Leonard thought that [redacted] was not a good suspect. [redacted] volunteered to take a polygraph according to Leonard.

STATUS:

Open Pends Further

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	SUPPLEMENTARY DATE Wed, Jul 19, 2000	FILE CLASS 20000

INCIDENT STATUS
Open

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

JOURNAL:

5-31-00	Anderson	Det Leonard MCSD interviewed a suspect off a pyscic tip in Kalamazoo. polygraph offered, message left for Leonard to call reference status of investigation.
6-5-00	Buth	Rev- Pends poly on suspec[redacted]
6-25-00	Buth	Rev - Status of Poly? NTO MA
7-5-00	Anderson	Poly set for 7/11/00 @ 9:00am in Paw Paw. I will be attending with Leonard.

POLYGRAPH:

I attended a polygraph conducted at 5th District HQ by Claire Hoffman. Detective Leonard and I watched the interview & polygraph via closed circuit television. [redacted] interviewed well and was not deceptive in his answers. Hoffman conducted the test which in her opinion he passed without any problems in the selected questions. [redacted]

SUSPECT:

NAM[redacted]

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SFX
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RAC[redacted]
SEX
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HGT
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EYE

ETH
OPS[redacted]
SSN:
SID:
FBI:
MNU:
PRN:

ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SUSPECTS:

[redacted] wanted to talk to Leonard after the polygraph. The name of a disgruntled former employee was mentioned as a possible suspect. The possible suspect is now a part time Blue Lake Firefighter and was present at both fires. Detective Leonard was going to investigate and conduct an interview.

STATUS:

Open - Pends Leads

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SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT 0004

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Wed, Nov 01, 2000	20000

INCIDENT STATUS
Open

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

JOURNAL:

7-24-00	BUTH	Rev-pends leads
7-28-00	HARRIS	Rev'd-assigned to TI Tpr. MARSHALL- follow up w/ Det Leonard for current status. Determining if further leads to look at.
8-1-00	BUTH	Rev, pends above
9-24-00	BUTH	Rev, NTO PM was Det. Leonard ever contacted?
10-3-00	D/Lt. SCHRAM	Rev- what has happened in last 3 months?
10-30-00	BUTH	Rev, pends above. NTO PM 2nd CC/PA

INFORMATION:
Numerous attempts have been made to get into contact with Det. LEONARD. The U/S officer contacted PAT, the secretary for the Muskegon County DB, and she advised that Det. LEONARD has been unable to come up with any further information in this case, however, there are apparently 4 fires, including this one, that LEONARD believes may be connected.

STATUS:
Open, pending further contact with Det. LEONARD.

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1	TROOPER PHILIP E MARSHALL #1148		

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	SUPPLEMENTARY DATE Thu, Feb 01, 2001	FILE CLASS 20000

INCIDENT STATUS
Open — Computer #3

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

JOURNAL:

11/2/00 Buth Rev., who was second subject needed to be interviewed? Pends interview or information from Det. Leonard, MCSD.

11/3/00 Marshall Det. Leonard advised that he ran [redacted] on a polygraph, and he passed. ROB PRUDEN is scheduled for a polygraph on 12/14/00.

11/15/00 Buth Rev., pends polygraph on PRUDEN.

12/15/00 Buth Rev., pends results of polygraph.

1/23/01 Buth Rev., what happened 12/14/00, noted to officer.

1/30/01 Marshall Det. Leonard contacted, he advised that PRUDEN did not take polygraph on 12/14, is to be rescheduled. Leonard advised to check back in a month.

STATUS:

Open, pending further investigation, and polygraph on PRUDEN.

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	SUPPLEMENTARY DATE Mon, Jul 02, 2001	FILE CLASS 20000

INCIDENT STATUS
Closed

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

JOURNAL:

2-0-01	BUTH	Rev-pend poly on Pruden
2-9-01	BUTH	Rev- " " " "
3-13-01	BUTH	Rev- " " " "
4-25-01	BUTH	Rev-what is status? Did Pruden ever take poly? NTO PM
5-3-01	MARSHALL	Message left for Terry Leonard ref poly
5-24-01	BUTH	Rev-status? NTO PM
6-22-01	BUTH	Rev- " " " "

CONTACT DETECTIVE LEONARD:
MCSD Det. Leonard was contacted, and he stated that the ATF is now involved, and that this spring he handled a couple of other fires at the camp. He advised that it appeared as if the fires this spring were nature related. He advised that he would contact this officer if any new information developed.

STATUS:
Closed, to be re-opened upon receipt of any new information.

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North Muskegon, MI
49445-2834
ph: 616 744 1766

North Muskegon Fire Department

[redacted]

Fire Prevention Protection Education

Emergency Medical Services

Hazardous Materials Response

INCIDENT: Structure Fire ALARM TIME: 17:36
DATE: 3/25/00
ADDRESS: 9900 Russell Rd. Blue Lake Twp. Mi. 49457

FIRST FIRE OFFICER ON SCENE : Chief Gary Furman
Dalton Fire Dept.
ARRIVAL TIME OF FIRST OFFICER: 17:41

TENNANT: Robert Pruden

WITNESS: [redacted] H: [redacted]

[redacted] H: [redacted]
W:

ON SCEN FIRE INVESTIGATOR: Steven H. Lague / RO
Fire Investigator
Muskegon Co. Fire Investgation Bureau
231-744-1766

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL:
Trooper Mike Anderson
Grand Haven Post # 64

FIRE INVESTIGATORS ASSISTING:
David Glotzbach Muskegon Co. Fire Investigation Bureau
Bob Gabinski Muskegon Fire Marshal
Grizzly; flammable liquids sniffing K-9
Art Stevens; Muskegon Co. Fire Investigation Bureau

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SUMMERY: A request by Dalton Twp. fire command to assist in cause & origin of a suspicious house fire located at 9900 Russell Rd. on the OWASIPPE Scout Camp in Blue Lake Twp. Upon arrival of the first arriving fire officer at 17:41 Hrs on 3/25/00, Chief Furman indicated to R/O that there was very heavy fire involvement throughout much of the entire structure. Chief Furman also stated that the roof area and most of the second floor had collapsed onto the main floor.

EXTERIOR EXAMINATION: Total collapse of roof structure, deep charring and low burn patterns on South wall outside of structure on both sides of front entrance area, up through soffit area to the second floor. The structure was built of ordinary wood frame construction with partial log exterior. Refer to Photos of exterior.

FIRE EXTENTION: Fire and smoke damage was minor to the office on the first floor East side, the two bedrooms on North wall including the bedroom closets on main floor. The North portion of the living room also had minimum heat and fire damage, the porch area was not affected by the heat. The fire extended from the outside front door area through the soffit, above and the area of the front door, through the floor joices on the second floor and into the attic area, then through the roof. Refer to Photos.

PREVIOUS FIRE HISTORY: Refer to Muskegon County Sheriff report of a Arson fire at the Owasippe Scout Camp property in 1999.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Time: 17:00 hrs
Temp: 51, Due Pt. 33 Rel/Hum; 50, Wind SW 13 mph
Source Muskegon County Dispatch
Ruled out ascause of fire

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OWNERSHIP/CORPORATE and INSURANCE DATA: Refer to MCSD report.

OCCUPANT INSURANCE DATA: Renters Insurance

INJURY DATA: No Injuries reported.

AREA of FIRE ORIGIN: The area of origin by looking at fire patterns, low burn, depth of char, indications of fire travel, reviewing photographs and interviewing first arriving fire personal, the fire started on the outside wall at the front of the house on either side of the front entrance area.

FORM OF IGNITION HEAT: Inconclusive. Samples were taken in area of origin and sent to MSP crime lab.

TYPE OF MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED: Organic material, logs, paint/stain coating outside covering of house.

ACT OR OMISSION: Still under investigation by M.C.S.D.

SMOKE DETECTION: Smoke detectors were located, undetermined if activated.

HEATING/AC EQUIPMENT: Ruled out as cause of fire.

GAS SERVICE EQUIPMENT: Ruled out as cause of fire.

ELECTRICAL PANEL: Good condition located in walk-in closet in SW bedroom. Refer to photographs for condition of panel.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Yes

EVIDENCE: A sample of wood pieces from ground level was taken from the structure at the area of origin outside front entrance area and turned in to MSP crime lab for analysis.